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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-036434, filed February 14, 2003, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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